

JOINT NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS  
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (USEPA) and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) are jointly issuing a notice of proposed actions under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Division 7 of the California Water Code, and regulations thereunder. The USEPA and Regional Water Board are proposing to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES Permit No. CA0107409, Tentative Order No. R9-2009-0001) to the City of San Diego, Metropolitan Wastewater Department, 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123, for the E.W. Blom Point Loma Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant and Ocean Outfall.

The existing NPDES permit and Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES Permit No. CA0107409, Order No. R9-2002-0025, as amended) are based on a variance from federal secondary treatment standards at 40 CFR 133, as provided for improved discharges under CWA section 301(h) and (j)(5) and 40 CFR 125, Subpart G. This sewage treatment plant is located at 1902 Gatchell Road, San Diego, California, and discharges chlorinated advanced (chemically assisted) primary treated municipal wastewater to the Pacific Ocean through the Point Loma Ocean Outfall, approximately 4.5 miles offshore, at a depth of about 300 feet. Sewage solids are treated and either land applied, used as alternative daily cover at a landfill, or disposed of at a municipal solid waste landfill.

The USEPA and Regional Water Board will conduct a joint public hearing on these proposed actions, on January 21, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, Regional Board Meeting Room, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, California. The Regional Water Board's participation in the NPDES permit issuance will ensure that all applicable State water quality standards are satisfied, and as such, the Regional Water Board intends that issuance of the NPDES permit with USEPA will serve as its certification of the federal permit under CWA section 401.

The Administrative Record, including the draft permit, fact sheet, comments received, permit application and report of waste discharge, USEPA's 301(h) tentative decision document, and other relevant documents, is available for public inspection at the USEPA and Regional Water Board office locations given above, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., beginning December 5, 2008. Interested persons may submit written comments on the 301(h) tentative decision and draft permit during the public comment period, either in person or by mail, to the attention of Robyn Stuber at USEPA (415-972-3524, [stuber.robyn@epa.gov](mailto:stuber.robyn@epa.gov)) and Melissa Valdovinos at the Regional Water Board (858-467-2724, [mvaldovinos@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mvaldovinos@waterboards.ca.gov)); or at the public hearing. Although the public comment period will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on January 28, 2009, persons commenting on the 301(h) tentative decision and draft permit are strongly encouraged to submit their comments in writing by January 7, 2009, to facilitate consideration of the comments by the Regional Water Board on January 21. In order to assure the accuracy of the record, all oral comments made at the public hearing should be submitted also in writing. All timely comments received shall be considered in making the final 301(h) permit decision.

The Regional Water Board will not take final action on the NPDES permit at the January 21, 2009 hearing, but will formally act on the permit at a subsequent Board meeting. Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA and Regional Water Board will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final 301(h) permit decision. When a final 301(h) decision and permit are issued, they will become effective 33 days following the date they are mailed to the discharger, unless a request for review is filed. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the 301(h) tentative decision and draft permit, or participated in the public hearing, except as provided in 40 CFR 124.19.

The Regional Water Board facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who have special accommodation or language needs should contact Ms. Lori Cost at (858) 467-2357 or [lcosta@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:lcosta@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.